

SOME BASEMENTS FILLED WITH FILTH

Chimney Sweep Tells of Some of the Conditions Which He Encounters.

THEN THEY WONDER AT DISEASE

"How could a dirty, black-nosed chimney sweep have an opinion on scarlet fever that anyone would be bound to respect?"

That might be the first question asked if this man with his black broom, his arm full of black sacks, his rope and plumb bob, and his little tin of furnace cement, should dare venture between city council and medical men.

Yet there are chimney sweeps, black as midnight, that have opinions. They do not carry them to the council, and they do not attend health conferences. They are too busy sweeping chimneys.

Loosen Their Tongues.
But get them down into a deep basement, let them bore around on the inside of your furnace after they have crawled through the chimney several times, and they begin to feel at home. If you have time to step down into the basement, turn a bucket up-side-down and squat on it for a half hour, these fellows will loosen up and talk.

Here are snatches of conversation one of these begrimed fellows poured out while dazing at a furnace fire in the Haasom park district:

"You know I'm a pretty dirty guy, with all this soot on me, but this is clean dirt after all. No germs will survive in this soot. But, say, you should see some of the basements I have to work in. Why, I find basements under fine respectable mansions that are so rotten that even a chimney sweep can hardly live in them long enough to fix a furnace or clean a flue.

Basement a Dumping Ground.
"Why, say man, they just make a dumping ground of the basement for every old kind of junk from rotten potatoes to last year's apples, from dirty wet chicken feathers to rotten squash, from dead rats and mice to general garbage, and you could not believe the stuff one finds piled up in basements under apparently respectable homes.

"Now what seems funny to me is that people dare not throw the least bit of garbage or junk in the alley, but they are to pile it in the basement where they must live in the fumes night and day. No, if you throw a bucket of ashes in the alley, maybe only to make a decent path over the mud, the health guy rides out on his motorcycle and threatens to 'chuck' you in jail if you don't pick those ashes up. But you can fill your cellar to the beams with garbage, ashes, old shoes, mildewed vegetables and rotten old clothes, and the health officers pass you by.

"Now, I don't know much about scarlet fever, but I do keep my basement clean, and I think inspection of basements is as necessary as inspection of electrical wiring, or inspection of tire escapes in hotels. If germs breed in filth, then they are increasing their tribe pretty fast in the majority of basements; for, as I say, I don't mind the soot of the chimney, but I hate to work in some of the rotten basements."

Burlington Will Finish Short Line Early in the Spring

General Manager Holdrege last night gave out the following statement relative to the construction of the Chalco cut-off, to be built from the main line, just west of the city, and to the Ashland-Sioux City line, the junction to be formed at Tutant, in Saunders county.

"It has been decided by the Burlington Railroad company to renew construction as soon as weather conditions make it possible upon the Chalco cut-off. This work was well under way in 1915 in accordance with a promise made to a special committee of the Commercial club. Work was temporarily suspended in 1915 on account of the unusual financial conditions throughout the country. It is the intention now to complete the line at as early a date as practicable."

The construction of this gives Omaha another short line into Sioux City and brings the northern part of Nebraska into closer touch with Omaha and its markets.

Transfer of Stock Of Novelty Company

S. Mandelson, president of the Novelty company, has sold his interest in the concern, and has retired. C. P. Fyfe, vice president of the firm, also sold his ownership interest. The stock is taken over by H. Krause, secretary, and H. Bernstein, treasurer. The business will continue in the same location under the same title. H. Krause will succeed S. Mandelson as president and H. Bernstein will be vice president of the concern.

Elwood Purchases Brown Truck Firm

J. W. Elwood, president of the Walter G. Clark company, has bought the complete plant of the Brown Truck Manufacturing company of Babylon and is planning to enlarge it and to launch an extensive manufacturing business. The consideration was \$25,000.

At present the plant manufactures all kinds of trucks for warehouses, packing houses, wholesale and department stores and creameries. Mr. Elwood expects to make a national advertising campaign and to increase the business on a large scale, he announced yesterday.

TRIAL LAWYER OF STREET CAR COMPANY RESIGNS.



W. J. CONNELL.

Omaha Battalion Of National Guard Plans to Give Show

Under the direction of Sergeants Keating, McKnight and Fishburn, the Omaha battalion of the Nebraska National Guard is preparing to give a minstrel show at the Boyd theater in March, probably shortly after the federal inspection of the Omaha guardsmen.

At the last weekly drill a Boosters' club was organized to further the project, the intention being to give the minstrel show being to create greater interest in the Omaha battalion of the state militia and to draw the members into closer relations with each other.

The "show" as planned will consist of a series of minstrel songs, dances, and offerings by the more talented members of the local guard, and will conclude with a spectacular production, "Twenty Minutes in the Trenches," in which practically the entire battalion will participate.

The Boosters' club is entirely managed by the enlisted men, and is warmly endorsed by the officers of the four Omaha companies.

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CONNELL RESIGNS FROM CAR COMPANY

Attorney Leaves Legal Department of Street Railway Co. After Twenty-Five Years' Service.

HAS BEEN THE TRIAL LAWYER

W. J. Connell, trial lawyer for the street railway company, one of the most active and aggressive corporation attorneys in the middle west, has resigned after a service of more than twenty-five years.

From the time Mr. Connell successfully defended the old Omaha & Council Bluffs and Bridge company against a damage suit for \$100,000, to the present, he has fought hundreds of cases against the company before juries. He is the oldest attorney who is seen regularly in local courts.

Mr. Connell stated that relations between him and the officers of the company had been uniformly pleasant and that his action was not the result of any controversy.

Has His Own Reasons.
"I resigned on account of reasons of my own," he said, "and my resignation has been accepted. It was unconditional and is effective at once."

The board of directors of the company passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mr. W. J. Connell as attorney for this company, this board records its appreciation of his efficient and faithful services and expresses its regret at the termination of his employment."

Practically all cases on the street railway docket in which plaintiffs were ready for trial have been disposed of up to date, this docket being in better condition now than for several years, according to court officials.

CAN'T FIND DANDRUFF

Every bit of dandruff disappears after one or two applications of Danderine rubbed well into the scalp with the finger tips. Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store and save your hair. After a few applications you can't find a particle of dandruff or any falling hair, and the scalp will never itch.—Advertisement.

Thousands Die in Prison Camps of Siberia of Hunger

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Thousands of German and Austrian prisoners of war in Russian concentration camps in Siberia were described "as starving and dying from exposure in the bitter cold of the Siberian winter" by F. W. Wakefield, a San Francisco business man, who arrived today from the orient on the steamer Shinyo Maru. He traveled through Siberia after his marriage in Honolulu last summer to the former Mrs. John D. Spreckles of San Francisco.

"When I was in Tohita, Siberia," said Mr. Wakefield, "last November, 300 prisoners in a camp there already had died from exposure and want of sufficient nourishment. Their condition was pitiable and the Russian government, it was told, could do nothing."

"There were about 25,000 prisoners there, shivering about with their German and Austrian uniforms in tatters. Some shielded themselves with animal skins. In all of Siberia there were hundreds of thousands of prisoners. They must be given aid or they will die."

START TO EXAMINE PUPILS TODAY

Nurses Will Visit 2,500 Absent School Children to Determine the Cause.

WILL CHECK ALL STUDENTS

Principals of public schools are preparing for Superintendent Graff lists of absent pupils for the use of school nurses who will visit homes of all absentees and determine causes of absence. As soon as the lists have been received today they will be handed to the nurses, who will start their work this morning. It is estimated the visits will require four days.

These nurses will be empowered with police authority to obtain the desired information. There are seven nurses now on the school staff. At least three more will be engaged this week.

Nearly 2,500 children are absent at this time.

Examine New Students.

Next Monday morning, which will mark the beginning of the new semester, all children in the public schools will be examined and new entrants thereafter will be required to furnish certificates of health.

A card index system will be maintained of all children who are known to be ill or who have indications of illness. It is stated that this will be the beginning of a systematic system of medical inspection in the public schools.

NELSON SUFFERS INJURY BY FALL UPON WALK

Oscar Nelson, Fourteenth and Howard streets, suffered a fractured leg last night when he fell on the sidewalk at Twelfth and Farnam streets.

Scouters Sign Youth.

Another ball player has been added to the ranks of the Washingtons in the person of Frank Parks, a semi-pro infielder from Atlanta, Ga.

Be Pretty! Turn Gray Hair Dark

Look young! Nobody can tell if you use Grandmother's simple recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents. Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.—Advertisement.



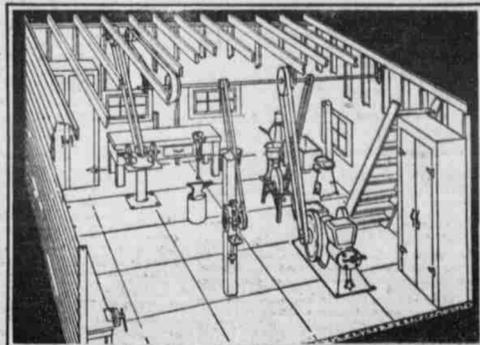
1 This is the binder Jones who broke.



2 This is the blacksmith who said "tomorrow" he'd fix the binder Jones broke.



3 This is the farmer who offered his shop when he heard the blacksmith say "tomorrow" he'd fix the binder Jones broke.



4 And this is the shop that Jones set up when he saw how quickly the work was done in the shop of the farmer who offered help when the blacksmith wanted until next day to fix the binder Jones broke.

Jones now saves time and money by repairing all his farm equipment, and even his wife's cooking utensils, in his own shop.

How he planned it, how he built it, what tools and machines he put in—all specifications and itemized costs—are told in a Practical Farm Repair Shop, on page 201 of the January 29th issue of

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